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Bash coming

Paul Lambert
Staff Writer

As most students realize, that time of the year is approaching when they cram for finals into the wee hours of the morning. But more important to many is the annual Neff Hall Beach Bash, planned for Thursday, April 19.

Neff Hall has planned and prepared this bash hoping that it will be as successful as in the past. A committee has been created which is made up of the five Neff Hall resident advisers and two representatives from each wing. They meet weekly and are very excited about the upcoming beach bash.

"The group has been working very hard," said R.A. Mike Stanton. "I think the students will be extremely pleased this

year."

Neff Hall has hamburgers along with other foods planned for refreshments, which can be bought at reasonable prices. The reknown band "Jade" will be providing the music, as well as another group of musicians from this area.

Members of the Beach Bash committee listened to the band's demo tape and were impressed. They reportedly were excited about having a live band this year. Volleyball and other games have been planned for the day including the ever popular "bat races."

Neff Hall will allow students to enter any door at any time during its open house on the 19th. A bonfire will also be provided during the evening. The bash will get underway a little before noon and will be brought to a screeching halt at midnight.



Retirees honored

Photo by Robyn Preston

Friday, April 6, retirees received a retirement luncheon in their honor. President Leonard Campbell, Eleanore Waggoner, Lois Fisher, Dr. Pauline Fahle, Mrs. Be Fiegel, Dr. Benny Hill, Charles McCarthy and Richard Philips retire this year after many years of service. Pictured above, seated right to left, Pauline Fahle, W.G. Waggoner, Eleanor Waggoner, Dr. Benny Hill, Mrs. Benny Hill hidden from view, President Leonard Campbell and emcee of the luncheon Dr. Les Levy.

Of the speeches given, Mrs. Fisher gave a humorous speech fashioned after the Gettysburg Address that spoke of the lack of faculty parking and how she would not miss it. Pres. Campbell opened his speech saying that what he would not miss were the complaints about the faculty parking.

Counseling now required for GSL

Chad Nye
Staff Writer

All graduating seniors who have participated in the Guaranteed Student Loan

Program, either Stafford (GSL) and/or SLS, and have an outstanding balance in one or both of the programs will soon be receiving a letter from the Financial Aid Office.

New Federal regulations

require that all borrowers have exit counseling before decreasing their hours below half time attendance.

Don Matthews, Director of Financial Aid, says that at these counseling sessions

students will have their payment plans explained, and they will be given a time table to plan with. "Usually," Matthews said, "students have ten years to pay off their loan." Matthews went on to say that the minimum monthly payment was \$50.

"This is a federal requirement, and we want to help the students understand what their responsibilities are," Matthews said.

Students who must attend counseling will receive a letter from the Office of Financial Aids listing the counseling dates.

All counseling will take place in the Library Auditorium.

Counseling sessions will be Tuesday, April 24 at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 18 at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., Thursday, April 12 and 26 at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. and Friday, April 20 at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

If students receiving a letter elect not to attend one of these sessions, Matthews said that they will face grave consequences.

He said, "If a student who receives a letter does not attend we will put a hold on his or her academic record. This is a federal regulation."



Ouch!

Cynthia Wandrie, senior, donates blood during the annual spring blood drive sponsored by SWOSU's very own blood hounds, the Student Senate.

Photo by Justin Ediger

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRYOUTS

Southwestern cheerleader tryouts for Fall of 1990 will be held April 21 at 1 p.m. in the little gym.

Practice clinics will be held April 16-20 at 5 p.m. in room 101 of the gym. Anyone interested in trying out for cheerleader must attend these clinics. For further information

call Dean Kay Williams at 774-3780.

FORMAL DANCE

Oklahoma Hall will host "A Night of Magic," a semi-formal free of charge for all students. It all begins at 9 p.m. at the Student Union Ballroom on April 16. The magic ends at midnight. There will be live entertainment.

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Editorial

Phone addiction

 rings up expensive bill

Tonya Lee
Staff Writer

My roommate and I have come across an extremely expensive addiction, our telephone. Sound familiar to some of you? For the last two semesters my room-

our bank accounts, but it is also hurting our attendance in the classroom. Receipt of the phone bill sends us into shock and we cannot seem to make it to class.

It even seems as if it has taken control of us. We do not know what to do about this problem. Some have told us to have our phone

It seems that now our friends just wait for us to get our bill so they can laugh. They don't realize how painful it is to send that much money to a phone company.

We're on a first-name basis with the folks at the Southwestern Bell. They are beginning to call us

"We're on a first-name basis with the folks at Southwestern Bell."

mate and I have invested a large amount for Southwestern Bell's services. We have paid them more than our parents have paid Southwestern for our tuition. No matter how expensive our phone bill is, we still cannot seem to cut down on our long distance calls.

Not only is this affecting

taken out, but that could do more harm than good. Surely there is another solution, a counselor? Has anyone ever heard of someone who could help a compulsive phone addict? If you have, please phone us.

To most of you this probably sounds ridiculous, but this is actually a serious problem.

every month and remind us that our phone bill is due and that we need to pay it. It almost is like we are paying their salaries. Who knows? Maybe we are. This addiction has got completely out of control and we need all the advice we can get. If there are others out there who have this same problem, remember you are not alone.

Student defends proficiency Writing skills job necessity

Tracey Cagle
Staff Writer

Recently students took the English Proficiency test for this semester. I do not know how many people I have heard complain about having to pass this writing test.

I particularly get annoyed when I hear someone say that they don't need to know how to write for their career. They may not believe it now, but good writing skills are some

of the most valuable skills one can get in college.

Talk to professionals. They will tell you that in the highly competitive job market, a person with good writing abilities will be hired before an otherwise equally qualified person whose writing skills are poor. In this age of mass communications and international corporations, employers want to hire people who can communicate efficiently, both orally and through writing.

Communication courses are the most valuable classes a

student in any major can take. All of us will someday have to communicate through writing to be bosses, bankers, customers, or others, both in the workplace and on a personal basis. A person lacking the ability to do this will run into serious trouble.

If you are not good in grammar, spelling, or if you just do not like to write, don't use these as excuses to slack off. These problems give you even better reasons to try to improve your writing skills. Believe it or not, this will pay in the long run.



Beverly Stiner
Section Editor

Two terms can be used to discuss today's generation of college students; materialistic and socially disconnected. We have a lack of concern for outside problems and an overabundance of concern for ourselves. In comparison to the young adults of the 1960's, we are merely store window mannequins viewing the world, absent of capabilities, spectators of our own existence. To put it simply, we are a generation deficient of desire to get involved.

Are these accusations true? Are we sitting back and watching the world go by without even the smallest amount of concern? What is needed to coax us into caring? Need a challenge? A cause? If a cause is needed, there are certainly plenty to choose from.

It has always been a popular thing to be considered involved. That is one of the reasons why so many clubs and organizations were formed. I'm quite sure some of you may read this and be offended by its obvious unsympathetic nature. You may also be thinking, "hey, I'm a member of clubs on campus." But let me ask you how many of them, although impressive to future employers, actually do anything other than fill up space on your resume? Wouldn't it profit you more if you participated in something actually worthwhile, more worthwhile than say a bakesale?

Well here it is, you knew I had to be leading up to something. Let me introduce you to a cause that I feel is very worthwhile; the protection of our environment. An organization is being formed on the Southwestern campus to try to do just that. Its goals are not only to inform Southwestern students and the community about ways to help protect our environment, but also to work to help change what is destroying it. Anyone interested in protecting our environment or just changing their idle ways can get involved by calling 772-2535.

HISTORY CLUB



Coby Hood
Member

The SOSU History Club, will present Gandhi at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17 in the library auditorium. Students and faculty are invited to attend. Admission is free.


Gandhi, an Indian national hero, perfected and popularized passive resistance as a technique against an oppressive government — in this case, colonial British rule. Gandhi can be compared with Martin Luther King, another charismatic minority leader who understood the value of the media for embarrassing the powerful.


Pauline Kael says, "Ben Kingsley, the English actor of half-Indian extraction who plays the Mahatma, looks the part, has a fine, quiet presence, and conveys Gandhi's shrewdness." Directed by Richard Attenborough, with a script by John Briley, this movie also stars John Gielgud, Trevor Howard, Candice Bergen, and Martin Sheen.

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Campus

Springweek activities planned

Jenny Lellman
Section Editor

The weather may not say so, but according to Student Senate's calendar, the time for Springweek has arrived. The events will debut on April 16 and wind up on the 19th. Various activities, planned by members of the committee in charge, include a carnival of booths, a hypnotic show, movie presentations, and the infamous Beach Bash as the finale of the week.

Monday night the Springfest will trigger the week-long episode of action. Booths, run by organizations on campus will decorate the front lawn of the Student Un-

ion from 7-9p.m. Winners receive tokens for their achievements. These tokens enable the victors to bid for prizes at the auction held afterward. Music provided by Kappa Kappa Psi will allow those interested to dance their socks off in the Student Union Ballroom from 9:45p.m.-12:30a.m.

mand of the stage, Romm leads everyone into his world of mystery and fun.

Wednesday night begins at 6p.m. Top Gun, Chances Are, and Say Anything represent the programs to be shown. FREE POPCORN AND COKE will be distributed to everyone who attends the

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In the time it takes you to think... he's read your mind! Tuesday night, the SWOSU Student Senate will present the Ronny Romm Show at 7p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

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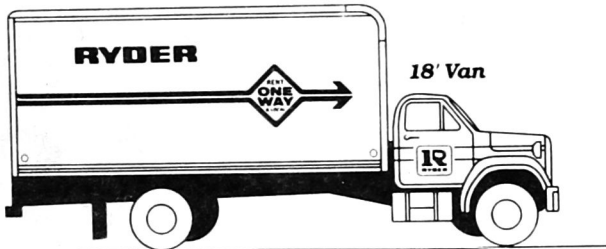
activity on the front lawn of the Union.

Neff Hall's annual Beach Bash will end the Springweek festivities. Beginning at noon and coming to a halt at midnight, the social gathering always draws a large crowd. Volleyball, live music, and water games represent a tidbit of the action that will occur.

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- 16- Springfest, 7-9 p.m., Student Union; 9:45-12:30, Dance, Ballroom
- 17- Ronny Romm Show, Fine Arts Aud., 7:00 p.m.
- 18- Movie Night 6-Top Gun , 8:15- Chances Are, 10:30- Say Anything; FREE POPCORN & COKE, Student Union front lawn
- 19- BEACH BASH, noon-midnight, Neff Hall



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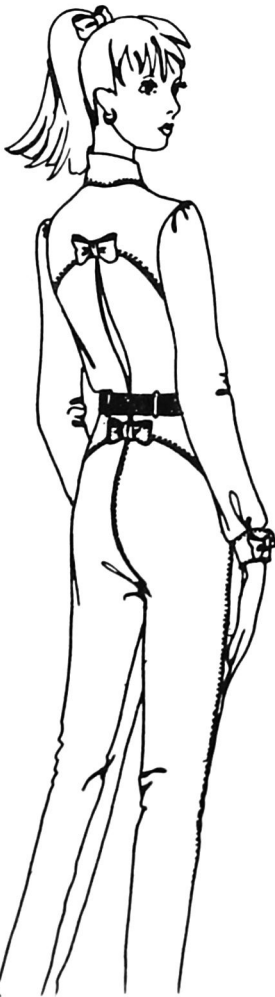
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Sizing up an effective grading system

Karen Branson
Student Writer

Although most students are concerned about their grades and grade point averages, many are unaware of how they are being graded. As many types of courses and tests exist, many types or techniques of grading accompany them. According to Executive Vice President Joe Anna Hibler, instructors are required to inform students at the onset of a course how they will be graded. This is the first in a series of articles exploring different grading techniques.

Probably the most familiar technique of grading is criterion evaluation. This means providing a standard of performance which is a yardstick that measures skills and knowledge bases. The student's performance is measured against a set and understood ideal. On a 10-point scale, the student learning 90 percent or more of the knowledge base receives an A and so on down the scale.

Another type of grading is normative evaluation. This contrasts a student's performance to a reference group. The reference group in this case is a group of student's classmates. The bell curve is a type of normative grading, and it is based on the assumption

that is not possible for everyone to get A's because not every student has A-level ability.

In other words, if a group of students is asked to perform, they will naturally distribute themselves along a wide range of scores. Some will rate high, some will rate low, and the majority will rate in the middle or average. When graphed out, this distribution forms a bell-shaped curve.

Dr. Paul Nail of the Psychology Department uses the bell curve system. Nail said the bell curve is "more sophisticated." He said that at least 20 to 30 students in a class are necessary for the curve to work effectively. "If there are not enough students, you won't have enough variability. If there's not any variability, everyone would get a C."

Explaining the bell curve can be a difficult task, though. First the "mean" (mathematical average) must be calculated. "Standard deviation" must then be figured. This number tells the average amount of spread (or points) between scores.

Nail said that in order to get an A, a student must score at least 1.5 standard deviations above the mean. To get an F, a student must score at least 1.5 standard deviations be-

low the mean. This is not forced distribution.

Forced distribution places students in predetermined grade slots. The highest grades, regardless of what they are, receive A's, and the lowest receive F's. The bell curve does not necessarily end up with any A's or F's, but it usually works out that way.

Nail said the problem he sees with percentage grading is that it doesn't allow for the difficulty of the test. Dr. Robert Reeder of the School of Business agreed in saying that his concern with percentage grading is making out a test and wording the questions in such a way that the A student will get 90% of them correct and so on down the percentage scale.

Reeder said he thinks most students want at least a B in a class and that they become discouraged if they don't get it. "I think teachers have lowered their standards, and you therefore have grade inflation," said Reeder. He said he thinks most students are getting B's and that would mean the average student is at B level. However, keeping the assumption in mind, if they are the average student, they should be getting C's.

Both Reeder and Nail are teachers of statistics in their

fields.

Reeder did not deny the fact that it is possible to have a class full of A students, or students that perform at an exceptional level. He also agreed that there is no reason to differentiate between students who are all performing at the A level. "If you have a class that way, you would make adjustments in the curve. You must adjust it," said Reeder.

Nail said that it is possible to have a class full of above-average students, "but so is getting hit by a meteor."

Another important question about using a bell curve is the comparison of one student who may already be trained in that area to others who are having their first exposure to it. Reeder said that in this instance he would curve them separately, for instance, a graduate student and a freshman would not be graded on the same curve.

Nail said the reason a graduate student cannot be compared to a freshman is because the graduate is taking the course for graduate credit

and must therefore reach a higher standard of performance.

How does an A from one semester of his class compare to an A from another semester? One A could be a 99 percent overall average which was the best in the class, and one could be an 88 percent overall average which was the best in that class. Reeder said, "The curve will vary from class to class, but I don't think there's that much variability."

Reeder's bell curve is one of many types of bell curves. Some instructors use deviation scores. Is this opening students up to a situation where they are receiving grades and not earning them? Supporters of the curve say no and opposers say yes. It is an ongoing battle but the bottom line is that instructors have the right to grade how they choose. The purpose of this and following articles is to make the students aware of an important issue which can affect their future: which grades appear on their transcript.

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Sports

Southwestern rodeo teams take first

The Bulldog rodeo teams tuned up for their own rodeo this weekend as both the men's and women's squads won team championships at the Panhandle State rodeo held April 6-8 at Guymon.

The women's squad totaled 180 points to out distance second place Ft. Hays, Kan., which had 165 points. The men also did quite well as the Bulldogs tied for first place with Western Oklahoma State of Altus. Both teams

had 225 points. Host Panhandle was third with 205, while Sotheastern of Durant finished fourth with 195 points.

The Central Plains Regional circuit of rodeos will now make a stop in Weatherford this weekend. Action will take place April 12-24 at the Don Mitchel Rodeo Arena located at Rader Park. Teams from Kansas and Oklahoma will be participating in the rodeo which starts each night at

7:30 p.m. A Saturday afternoon performance will also be held starting at 1 p.m.

At the Panhandle State rodeo this past weekend, the Bulldogs had several individuals who fared well. In men's competition, Shannon Lee of Gotebo finished fourth in the all-around competition by taking fourth place in the short go of calf roping. He also teamed up with Dustin Morrison of Wayne in the team roping catagory to finish third in the long go and fourth in the average.

Shawn Wright of Canadian, Texas, took second place and third place in the long go and average, respectively, of bareback riding. Clyde Himes of Brulah, Colo., did very well in steer wrestling as he placed in all three rounds. He finished second in both the short

go and average and third in the long go.

Also, J.D. Crouse of Valentine, Neb.l, won the long go competition in calf roping, while teammate Ed Dufur-rena of Denio, Nevada, tied for first place in the short go and placed third in the average of saddle bronc. Hugh Akin and Kent Walker, both of Fredrick, won fourth place in the short go of team roping.

In women's competition, the Dawgs dominated the barrel racing category as four rodeoers placed at the PSU rodeo. Lesa Morrison of Pryor won first place in the long go and average and third in the short go. Jami Massey of Lookeba took second and third place, respectively, in the short go and average, while Kelli Snodgrass of Foster placed fourth in both the short

go and average. Staci Baber of Devol won second place in the long go round.

In goat tying, Kim Stamps of Norman placed in all three rounds as she took second in both the short go and average and third in the short go. R'Nee Monroe was third in the short go and fourth in the average.


Tickets for this weekend's Southwestern Rodeo are now on sale. Advance tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. Advance tickets are available at the Chamer of Commerce office, OK Boots, Gayer's Western Wear, Harry Shaw Income Tax Service and at the Industrial Education and Technology office on campus. Tickets at the gate will be \$4 for adults, \$2 for children under 12 and under five free.

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Neff Halls' name dragged through the mud

Brady Brus
Staff Writer

A volleyball grudge match will take place April 19, be-

tween the R.A.s of Neff Hall and the R.A.s of Parker Hall, Mike Stanton said.

Stanton, and R.A. at Neff Hall, said the match will be

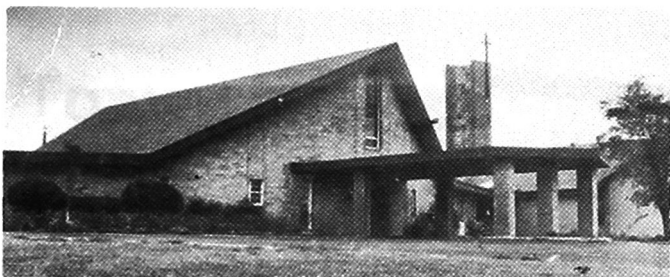
friendly, but the two teams will be playing for keeps. Stanton said the Parker R.A.s have been dragging the names of Neff Halls R.A.s through the mud. Stanton thinks the best way to quiet the Parker R.A.s down is to defeat them in a volleyball match with everyone watching. Stanton said, "I think we'll win the best two out of three games, because we have superior athletic ability."

Stanton, in summing up his feelings said, "We are going make them eat all of the bad things they have ever said about Neff."

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NEW DAWG SIGNED

Tammy Hunter, who helped lead Arnett High School to the 1990 Class B state championship title in girls basketball, has signed a letter-of-intent to play college basketball at SWOSU.

Hunter will graduate from Arnett High School this May. The 5-8 senior was MVP of the Class B state tournament.

"It's because of their track record—all the national championships," Hunter said when asked why she chose Southwestern. "I wanted to go somewhere where I could have the chance to go to nationals."

Hunter played all four years of high school ball at Arnett for head coach Jim McDaniel. During her senior season, she averaged 20.9 points, was named to the Mid-American All-Tourney team and was a co-MVP of the 270 conference. Hunter was also named to the Coaches' All-State team.

She will play on the 6-on-6 Small West squad during the games this summer.

During her four-year career at Arnett which also included a state championship runnerup title during her junior season, Hunter helped lead Arnett to a 113-15 record.

Hunter, who is the daughter of Jerry and Cindy Hunter of Harmon, has been active in several organizations at Arnett. She has been Future



Recruit signs
Standing from left to right: John Loften, SWOSU womens coach; Jim McDaniel, Arnett High School girls coach; and parents Jerry and Cindy Hunter of Harmon.

Farmers of America Sweetheart and also Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Sweetheart.

Hunter will play for Southwestern which has won five NAIA national championship titles in the past nine seasons. The Lady Bulldogs recently won the 1990 title at the national tourney held in Jackson, Tenn.

Academic All-District 9 team released Three Dawgs named

Three of the nine players on the 1990 NAIA national champion Lady Bulldog basketball team have been named to the 1989-90 Academic All-District 9 Women's Basketball Team.

Representing Southwestern on the list were Shelly Mooter of Oney, Jackie Snodgrass of Ames and khris Lorenz of Lomega.

Mooter, a 5-7 sophomore guard, played in all but two games this season. Mooter has a 3.51 grade point average and she is majoring in business education.

Mooter was a player who made very few mistakes as evidenced by her team low 18 turnovers in 32 games.

Snodgrass is a 6-0 sophomore forward. The Ames

product played in all 34 games. She averaged 9.9 points and 4.6 rebounds per contest.

Snodgrass was the team's leading field goal shooter as she connected on 135 of 204 shots for an impressive 66.2%. Snodgrass has a 3.37 grade point average and is majoring in physical education.

Also making the honor list was Kris Lorenz, a 5-10 junior forward. Lorenz averaged 8.3 points and 3.2 rebounds for the Lady Bulldogs. She was a 50% field goal shooter and a 78% shooter at the free-throw line.

Lorenz has a 3.21 grade point average with a major in physical education.

The Lady Bulldogs finished the season with a 30-4 record.

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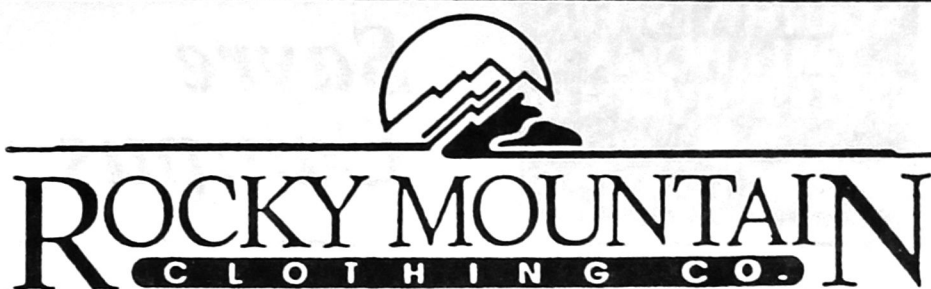
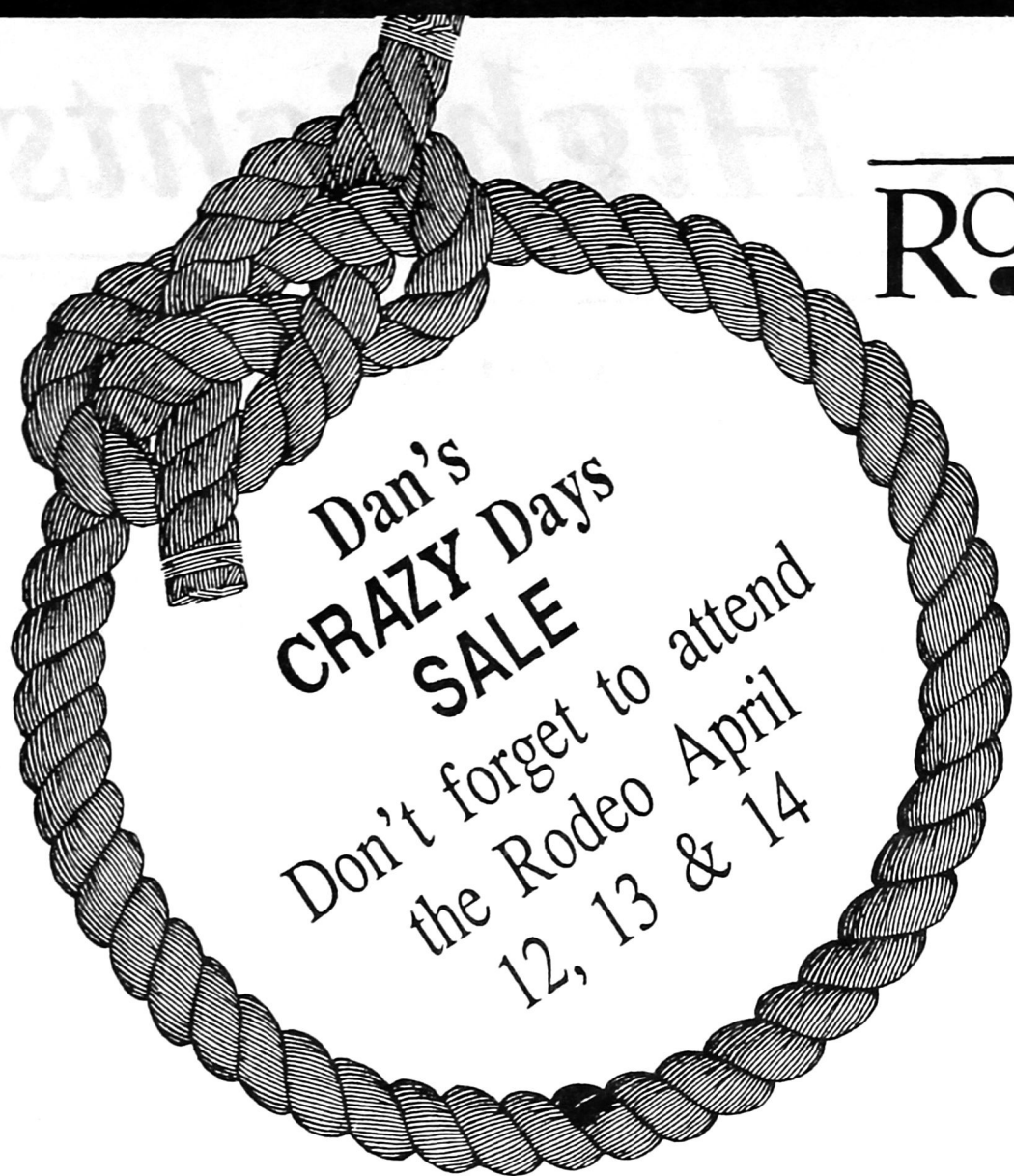
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Editorial

True meaning of Easter

By Sherry West

We are now into a new season, Spring. Although Spring brings about thunderstorms, hail, high winds, and tornados, it also brings new life. Spring rejuvenates the whole country. The grass turns green; leaves unfold from the trees; budding fruit and flower blossoms color the landscape. Life is restored with energy. Birds chirp; children play, run and yell to their heart's content; fishing ponds are full of bobbers, and people begin making plans for the hotter months ahead.

With all of the excitement from beautiful days to come, we must not forget what Sunday, April 15th is. A day that has the true meaning of life renewed is Easter.

Much like Christmas,

Easter has become very commercialized. To some the holiday means Easter eggs, egg hunts, bunnies, and stores capitalizing on the sales. But to others, they know the true meaning of Easter. Easter is the day that was traditionally set aside for the celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection.

Three days before the resurrection of Jesus Christ, He promised the people that He would accept their sins if they asked for His forgiveness. On the third day, now Easter, new life was restored to Christ, and He rose from his grave.

Jesus' resurrection brought about the true meaning of a new life. Without Him, there would not be life at all. This is what Easter is all about.

Monday night of Spanish

Have you ever wanted to learn a foreign language? Do you often meet Spanish speaking people on your job and wish you could communicate? If so, SWOSU at Sayre has the class for you. The 1990 fall schedule includes Spanish Conversation. The class meets on Monday nights from 6:00 to 8:45. Beginning Spanish will be

taught with an emphasis on vocabulary and the spoken language. The text book for the course is entitled *Spanish Made Simple* and is designed to help beginning students gain enough proficiency in Spanish to get along while traveling or dealing with Spanish speaking people on the job.

Speeches for Med Tech seminar

By Pete Vinyard

Students from the Health Careers Club went to Oklahoma City last weekend (March 30 and 31) to a Med Tech seminar. All sophomores had to present a speech over a topic given to them by their teachers. After their

speeches were given, they were asked questions over it. Plans are already being made for next year's seminar. I'm really worried because I'll be one of these sophomores up there giving a speech next year.

Favorites — past & present

By Sherry West

Sayre campus has four generations of college students attending this semester, ranging from 16-65. With such a big difference in age, the news reporting class decided to hand out a questionnaire. The questionnaire asked the individual's age and whether male or female. Then we asked what was that person's favorite movie star, recording star, type of movie, movie, food, TV show, and style of clothes. At the bottom of the page was a blank space for additional favorites or comments. Approximately 150 questionnaires were answered. Although there is a generation gap in ages, we thought it would be interesting to find out if there is a generation gap in taste.

To explain the results of the questionnaire, the first thing we did was to separate the questionnaire in two stacks by male and female. Then, we separated the men's by age, 18-25, 26-35, 36-65. The women were separated by the same age grouping. Next, we added up the most popular answer to each question in each age group.

For some questions, there were no two answers alike, so we added up and separated the favorites by category, ie: favorite food-Italian; favorite movie-current popular movies.

Group One, 18-25, Men

Favorite movie star-Tom Cruise
Favorite singer-current pop singers
Favorite type of movie-comedy
Favorite movie-current 80's & 90's movies
Favorite food-Pizza
Favorite TV show-Cheers &

Dinner for trivia

By Robert Lee Trent

The Baptist Union has been having an ongoing competition between students. David Curry, BSU director, reported that the four teams are aiming for a free steak dinner at the end of the semester. It's neck-n-neck I hear. On Mondays they have Noon Days in which they compete for points by playing Bible trivia and quoting certain verses. They are having fun competing, and they become good friends along the way. The team that comes in last will serve the winners.

Also coming up on the agenda is the Spring Retreat at Falls Creek. The Baptist Student Unions from all over the state will attend. It starts April 20 and lasts all weekend.

Young Riders (tied)
Favorite clothes-blue jeans

Group Two, 26-35, Men

Favorite movie star-all famous stars
Favorite singer-older rock-n-roll singers
Favorite type of movie-comedy
Favorite movie-movies between 40's & 70's
Favorite food-Italian
Favorite TV show- Arsenio Hall & old B&W sitcoms (tied)
Favorite clothes-blue jeans

Group Three, 36-65, Men

Favorite movie star-older western stars
Favorite singer-C&W singers
Favorite type of movie-adventure
Favorite movie-older violent movies
Favorite food-steak
Favorite TV show-Young Riders
Favorite clothes-blue jeans

Group One, 18-25, Women

Favorite movie star-Tom Cruise
Favorite singer-Paula Abdul, George Strait, & Reba McEntire, (3-way tie)
Favorite type of movie-comedy
Favorite movie-Steel Magnolias
Favorite food-pizza
Favorite TV show-The Cosby Show
Favorite clothes-blue jeans

Group Two, 26-35, Women

Favorite movie star-Mel Gibson
Favorite singer-Phil Collins
Favorite type of movie-comedy
Favorite movie-Dirty Dancing & Back to the Future (tied)
Favorite food-Mexican
Favorite TV show-Roseanne

Favorite clothes-blue jeans

Group Three, 36-65, Women

Favorite movie star-Robert Redford & older stars
Favorite singer-C&W singers
Favorite type of movie-comedy
Favorite movie-Gone With The Wind
Favorite food-Mexican & Italian (tied)
Favorite TV show-Roseanne & Knots Landing (tied)
Favorite clothes-blue jeans & casual (tied)

Additional favorite comments by the men were blondes, red-heads, and all in between, cruising, and a teacher with the worse jokes. Favorite comment from the women were Diet Coke, M&M's, the smell of air after a rain, parachuting, and school. There were three comments that we would like to share with everyone that, well, take it the way you want. One woman, 39, wrote her favorites were Alka Seltzer, Tums, Ajax, Liquid Plummer, and fighting. Another woman, 19, likes to see boys wear tight wranglers because they make their rear-ends look so cute. The last, a woman, 31, said she liked colored pencils with clips. (who knows what she means by that??)

All the fav's are in and as you have seen, blue jeans won for favorite clothes in all age groups by both men and women. But then what can you expect from Western Oklahoma?

By the way, the woman who likes to parachute, we would love to interview you. If you are willing, contact Mrs. Haight, and she can get a reporter for you.

A poem just for women

the readers.

*After a while you learn
that love doesn't mean leaning,
that kisses aren't contracts, and
presents aren't promises...
And you begin to accept defeats
with your head up and your
eyes open,
with the grace of a woman, not
the grief of a child.
So you plant your own garden
and decorate your own soul,
instead of waiting for someone
to bring you flowers.
And you really are strong
and you really do have worth,
and that with every new
tomorrow
comes the dawn.*

Author Unknown



SANDRA WILLIAMS fights Oklahoma winds.